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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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FOR BREWIN

E.O. 11652: M/A

TAGS: PORG, IR

SUBJECT: TEHRAN MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE

REF: TRANSMITTAL SLIP, APRIL 13

1. MAURICE LANGLEY, A PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS BEEN
VP FOR LAST THREE YEARS OF SUBJECT COMMISSION, CONTACTED
NEA/IRN 11 MAY TO ENQUIRE IF WE HAD HAD A RESPONSE FROM
THE EMBASSY CONCERNING HIS REQUEST FOR SOME SORT OF EMBASSY
HOSPITALITY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING
IN TEHRAN MAY 12 - 19 (SUBJECT OF REFERENCED TRANSMITTAL
SLIP). INFORMED HIM WE HAD NOT HEARD FROM EMBASSY AND
THAT HE SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH BREWIN UPON HIS
ARRIVAL IN TEHRAN (HE ARRIVES EVENING 12 MAY AND IS
STAYING AT HILTON).

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2. IN EVENT REFERENCED TRANSMITTAL SLIP MAY NOT HAVE
REACHED YOU, BACKGROUND TO REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS. THE
COMMISSION IS A NON-POLITICAL BODY THAT GROUPS PRIVATE AND
PUBLIC SECTOR REPS FROM 66 MEMBER COUNTRIES. SOME 45
MEMBERS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING,
WHICH INVOLVES KEY OFFICIALS OF THE COMMISSION. IN

ADDITION TO LANGLEY, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE WALTER G. SCHULZ, A PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN WHO WILL, PROBABLY, BE PROPOSED FOR A VP SLOT, AND SEVERAL USG REPS (CHIEFLY FROM INTERIOR AND AGRICULTURE). COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE HELD IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, SOMETIMES IN, SOMETIMES OUTSIDE OF CAPITALS. THE MAY 12 - 19 MEETING IN TEHRAN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A STUDY TOUR OF IRAN LASTING SEVERAL DAYS. IN THE PAST, OTHER COUNTRIES (UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, USSR, GREECE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA) HAVE HOSTED EMBASSY RECEPTIONS WHEN MEETINGS WERE HELD IN CAPITALS. THE U.S. HAS NEVER DONE SO, AND U.S. DELEGATION TO COMMISSION MEETINGS FEELS EMBARRASSED. WOULD LIKE TO SEE U.S. HOST AN EMBASSY RECEPTION IN TEHRAN THIS TIME.

3. WE EXPLAINED TO LANGLEY DIFFICULTIES, PRINCIPALLY MONETARY, WITH HIS REQUEST, BUT TOLD HIM WE WOULD PASS IDEA ON TO EMBASSY. CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME OTHER EVENT MIGHT BE PLANNED BY EMBASSY INTO WHICH RECEPTION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS (40 - 50 PEOPLE) COULD BE FOLDED.

4. EXPECT LANGLEY WILL CONTACT YOU UPON HIS ARRIVAL TEHRAN. CHRISTOPHER

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